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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/923,132 for "Bioluminescent Methods for Direct Visual Detection of Environmental Compounds" by John Sanseverino, Gary S. Sayler and Steven A. Ripp (client ref: PD 00027)
Atty Docket No.: 6704-15-1

Sir:

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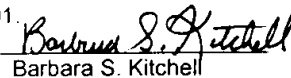
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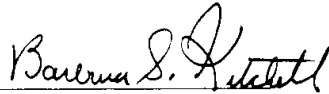
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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

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